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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a subscriber of LMI.net, a local ISP that uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential internet and phone service marketplace.

I choose LMI because their pricing is better than the major carriers I have used in the past (AT&T and Comcast), and their customer service is far better. They are an innovative, small, local business.

USTelecom has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Within their petition they claimed, "In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace."

LMI, Sonic, and other carriers all disagree with USTelecom on this key point. Competition will be throttled, in favor of making the big ISPs, like AT&T and Comcast, even bigger and richer -- while cutting consumers' choices about their internet providers.

I strongly urge you to reject this petition. Please do not cut off competitive access and limit my ability to choose competitive providers like LMI.net. I rely on their good service, and I will be materially affected if this petition is granted.

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